



Remember Our Troops

September 24 - October 14, 2006

P.R.I.D.E. at Work



Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity Excellence

Local Police Depend on DOC

When local police departments need special assistance the call frequently goes out to the Connecticut Department of Correction. Recently, two local police departments got their man, thanks to assistance from the agency's K-9 teams, while a third department needed the Department of Correction high security transportation.

On Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 11:54 AM, officers from the Wethersfield Police Department were dispatched to a home burglary-in-progress, not far from Central Office in Wethersfield.

The homeowner arrived home and found two unidentified suspects in her home. They ran upon seeing her and fled the area on foot.

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K-9 Officer Joe Larovera and "Nilo", K-9 Officer Jaime Rivera, K-9 Officer Luis Melendez and "Edo", and K-9 Officer Anthony Moskites and "Georg".

From the Commissioner



I wanted to make all staff aware of an extremely important issue concerning your personal safety and security, that I, the agency and our unions, as well as law enforcement across the state have banded together to combat. We recently learned, only by happenstance, that the State Freedom of Information Commission was considering a ruling that could impact Sec. 1-217 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This is the law that states, "No public agency may disclose, under the

Freedom of Information Act, the residential address of any of the following persons." Among those listed is, "An employee of the Department of Correction." The law also covers the Board of Pardons and Paroles, State Police, firefighters, municipal police officers, judges, etc. We learned on Monday, September 25th, from a friend at State Police that the Freedom of Information Commission was considering a Proposed Declaratory Ruling, based on a petition from the Town of Tolland. The town was essentially seeking guidance as to whether its legal requirements to maintain public records, superseded the statute that required them not to disclose the residential addresses of public safety employees.

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure, and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.

C.E.R.T. Graduation

They are the men and women whom we hope we never have to call. But knowing they are always at the ready, ensures that we can all feel safe and secure. The latest additions to the agency's Correctional Emergency Response Team were recently honored at their graduation ceremony at Maloney CTSD. This milestone in their correctional careers signifies that they have



successfully completed the grueling CERT basic training program. Taking part in the ceremony were (l-r), Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Director Richard Miele and the CERT Team Commanders. The mission of the Tactical Operations Unit is to provide the Commissioner of Correction with a contingent of specially trained and equipped personnel that is fully prepared at all times to rapidly respond to emergency situations within the Department of Correction. Through the use of organization and tactics, this unit is equipped to restore safety, security and order to an affected correctional facility.

Graduates:

Joseph Bennett	YCI	Dennis Hinkson	MWCI	Ilidio Rodriguez	MWCI
Larry Burns	MWCI	Jessie Johnson	MCTSD	Joshua Trifone	MWCI
Hamilton Castro	BCC	Joanne Moylan	YCI	Shane White	BCC
Charles Ellison	NHCC	Fred O'Neal	WCCI	Milton Wisdom	MWCI
Lucio Figueiredo	CRCI	Jorge Reyes	NHCC		

“C”= Competence “E” = Excellence

“R” = Responsibility

“T” = Teamwork

NYC Bus Trip

A bus trip to NY City to benefit Special Olympics has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 18, 2006**. You can choose one of two shows to see or just spend the day in the city to yourself. The bus will leave Bridgeport CC at 11:30 am. and return to Bridgeport around 8:30 p.m.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show w/the Rockettes

\$85 per person / 6:30 or

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

\$85 per person/ 5:30 pm show

Bus Only \$35 per person (spend the day on your own in City)

****These Prices include show & bus ticket, tax, & donation to Special Olympics****

To purchase tickets, please contact: Pamela Neuendorf at 203.579.6131, ext. 504 Tickets are limited for each show, but are unlimited for the “bus only” choice. If you are interested in attending one of the Christmas shows please contact Pam as soon as possible.

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Theresa C. Lantz, Commissioner

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Did you know?

Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554. This article was written by Plant Facilities Engineer 1 Michael Caron. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact him at 860.763.4641



What is An Ice Dam?

An ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of a roof and prevents melting snow (water) from draining off the roof. The water that backs up behind the dam can leak into a home and cause damage to walls, ceilings, insulation, and other areas.

Ice dams usually occur after a heavy snowfall and several days of freezing temperatures. Warm air inside your home leaks into the attic and will warm the underside of the roof causing snow and ice on the roof to melt. The melted water will drain along the roof, under the snow, until it reaches the cold overhang. The overhang tends to be at the same temperature as the outdoors and the melted water will refreeze and form an ice dam and icicles. The ice dam can cause damage to the roof, which will result in water leaks to the inside. Frequently the result will be a water spot on the ceiling under the roof damage.

What can you do when an ice dam happens?

The only corrective action that can be taken is to remove the barrier of ice at the gutter line or to remove the ice build-up on the roof area before it melts from underneath. Don't get on your roof to solve this problem, it could be dangerous.

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Inmate Arrested After Filing False Claim Against Staff

An inmate at Corrigan-Radgowski CC was arraigned this week after he falsely accused a female counselor of sexually assaulting him. The inmate is currently serving a five-year sentence for 2nd degree burglary. He now faces charges of Harassment and Reporting a False Incident.

State Police initially began investigating after they received a letter from an inmate alleging that he was being forced to have sex with a counselor at the facility. When a detective went to the facility to investigate, it was determined that the inmate wrote the letter in an act of retaliation towards the counselor who had disciplined him for his earlier inappropriate behavior.

Around the cell block



Nevada- A prison will burn forest waste in addition to the use of solar power to save an anticipated \$9-million in energy costs over the next 20 years.

North Carolina- A prison inmate, herding cattle on horseback, apparently drowned when a bull charged his horse, knocking him into a pond.

California- The governor vetoed legislation that would have made it easier for the news media to interview inmates saying it would glamorize murderers and traumatize crime victims.

*Total
Supervised
Population
on
September 24, 2006
23,580
On September 24, 2005
the population was
23,005*

Northern CI Tip-a-Cop



Northern CI hosted its First Annual Tip-A-Cop event at the Red Robin Restaurant in Manchester. The event was to benefit Connecticut Special Olympics. Many Northern CI staff volunteered their time, which made this event a huge success. George McLean, General Manager of Red Robin stated, "The event was very well organized and professional. We would love to have them back next year." Correctional Counselor Tara McEwan, who is the facility liaison for Special Olympics, organized the Tip-a-Cop. Over \$500 was raised during the event and 100% of the proceeds was donated to Special Olympics-CT.

Pictured above (l-r) Sec2 Linda Nosal, CC Jeff Fargo, CTO James Zuccalo, CTO Scott Szaban, CO Mark Pease, CC Tara McEwan, and CO Ricky Felton. Not Pictured: CO Gary Spillane

Did You Know Cont'd

Remove snow from the roof. A "roof rake" and push broom can be used to remove snow, but may damage the roofing materials. (Note: Make sure you take safety precautions if you do this yourself. Or hire a professional.)

Avoid standing on the ground and "chipping away" at the ice. Not only could this cause damage to your roof, but also you can be seriously injured by falling ice, debris, or tools. The risk of injury should always be weighed against the cost of water damage repair. Any person on the roof during the winter or performing work on the roof from below is risking injury and risking damage to the roof and house. It is important to contact professionals to carry out this job.

Please remember, in removing ice from the gutter and roof, you may cause damage to these areas that will require professional repair. Again, the cost of water damage repair may be less than the cost of a roof or gutter repair.

What can you do to prevent ice dams?

While there is no cure for ice damming, the following steps can reduce the chance your home will be effected:

- *Seal air leaks and seal duct leaks in your attic to stop warm air leakage including wire penetrations, plumbing penetrations, ceiling light fixtures, attic hatches, chimneys, bathroom exhaust fans, intersection of interior partitions and ceiling.
- *After sealing leaks, add additional insulation in your attic. Make sure your attic insulation does not cover your soffit air intake vents
- *Add soffit vents if your home currently does not have any.
- *Provide adequate attic ventilation so that the underside of the roof and outside air is at the same temperature. Peak mounted ridge vents maximize airflow in attic areas.
- *Check to make sure attic insulation is not blocking roof ventilation.
- *Clean leaves and other debris from gutters before the first snow. This will help prevent ice build-up in gutters..
- *Install heat tape along gutters, downspouts and roof edge (available at your local hardware or home improvement store)

Maryland DOC Visits CT



In the wake of the murders of two of their correction officers in the course of the past year, officials from the Maryland Department of Correction recently visited Connecticut to study the state's national model gang management program. (At right, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy and Director Dennis Jones pose with representatives from the Maryland Department of Correction during their recent visit to Central Office.) Commissioner Theresa Lantz extended the invitation to our Maryland counterparts

and expects this was the first of several visits. Both of the staff murders in Maryland are believed related to gang activity in that state's facilities. Escorted by the Security Division's gang experts, the Maryland officials reviewed the policies and procedures regarding Security Risk Groups and Security Risk Group Management in the state of Connecticut. They also toured Northern CI, which houses the states Close Custody and Close Monitoring Programs. These program have been recognized as a national model for other correctional agencies throughout the country and Central America.

From the Commissioner, Cont'd

Word of the possible impact on Sec. 1-217 and the threat it could pose to our employees and others in law enforcement spread quickly. When the FOI Commissioner gathered to consider the ruling on Wednesday, September 27th, they faced a packed hearing room with me, Commissioner Leonard Boyle of Public Safety, United States Marshal John Bardelli and Chief James Strillacci of the State Police Chief's Association, all in the first row. Behind us were representatives of other state agencies such as the Department of Children and Families, the Chief State's Attorney's Office, as well as, AFSCME Representative Al Chiucarello and his legal counsel from NP-4. The FOI Commission frankly was rather surprised by the turnout. They did express some feelings about the case, such as concern that Sec. 1-217 and the statutes requiring that public records be maintained are somewhat contradictory, that Sec. 1-217 requires extra work on the part of town officials and that questions such as, what happens to the confidentiality requirement when a public safety worker retires. Ultimately, the Commission decided to postpone the hearing and hold it at a later date with better notification to the affected parties. That date has not been set, but when it is you can be sure we will get the word out. So that you know, I was fully ready to testify about the very real danger to the safety of my staff and their families that could result from their residential addresses being public record, available to anyone, including inmates. I was ready to talk about incidents where staff was accosted on public streets by inmates, with a shot being fired at an officer and his child in one case; about an inmate placing a lien on a staff member's home as a means of intimidation and harassment; and about an offender discharging from a manslaughter sentence who threatened a staff member by stating he was moving down the street from the officer's home address, which he had accessed. My bottom line is that if I am going to ask you as staff members of the Connecticut Department of Correction to potentially put your life on the line for the citizens of the State of Connecticut, the least the state can do is to provide some degree of protection to you and your family by keeping your residential address confidential. I assure you that I will personally work on your behalf with the other state agencies in a concerted effort to oppose any change to the intent and protection offered of Sec. 1-217.

Hartford CC Diversity Council



(l-r) CC Linnea Caine, PO Pat Silva, CO Gwen Molden, CO Harris Porter, Major Scott Erfe, MO Brian Thomas, Sec 2 Joyce Scarlett, Warden Charles Lee, CO Beata Tanski, LS Mark McNally, CC Eulalia Garcia, and AAO Christian Moore.

Local Police Cont'd

A thorough search for the suspects began immediately. K-9 tracking dogs from the Department of Correction were called in, as was the Connecticut State Police helicopter, Trooper One, to assist in this search.

After several hours, the DOC K-9 teams, who had responded from Enfield and Cheshire, tracked down the two suspects in a rear yard on Back Lane in close proximity to the original burglary scene. Information was developed that identified the two suspects as being responsible for the burglary of a second home on Back Lane.

That same evening North District K-9 Unit received a request from the Enfield Police Department. The police were doing traffic stops and they came across a vehicle that they believed contained narcotics. Officer Melendez and "Edo" assisted them in locating the narcotics that were hidden in that vehicle.

The Waterbury Police Department recently put out a call for assistance to the Correctional Transportation Unit, as the city prepared for a massive drug round up. More than 60 high security offenders, some with bonds over \$1 million were given a high security transport from the police department to the courthouse where they arrived without incident.

MVP's

Anderson, Kevin, CFSS3	BCC
Barns, Marie, Lt.	CCI
Barselau, Paul, CO	NCI
Bellemare, Richard, CO	BCC
Bernier, Gerard, CO	HCC
Bragg, Clinton, Plumber	NCI
Bronk, Eric, CO	NCI
Brown, Robin, CO	BCC
Clapp, William, CO	NCI
Deschaine, Keith, CO	CCI
Donahue, Mark, Capt.	NCI
Felton, Ricky, CO	NCI
Gardino, Ronald, CO	BCC
Germond, Paul, CO	NCI
Green, Dorthula, Principal	CCI
Guimond, Sean, CO	NCI
Hibbard, Thomas, CO	BCC
Hogan, Jason, CO	CCI
Lizotte, Marc, CO	CCI
Martin, Viveca, Lt.	MYI
McKernan, Daryl, CO	BCC
Messier, Davis, CO	NCI
Milewski, David, CO	HCC
Morales, Marcie, Nurse	BCC
Moyers, Bruce, CO	NCI
Newton, John, CSS	CO
Newton, Timothy, Lt.	NCI
Ramirez, Fior MH	CCI
Ruggeri, Michael, Lt.	OCI
Soberal, Edgardo CO	BCC
Suse, Mark, CS	NCI
Torres, Lipido, CO	BCC
Velaquez, William, CO	BCC
Velez, Gregorio, CO	HCC
Vitanza, Kelsey, CO	CCI
Whiteley, Scott, CO	BCC
Wislocki, Simone, MH	CCI
Zienka, David, CO	MYI

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Years of Service

20 Years of Service for September 2006

Brian Zawilinski	Training Lieutenant	MCTSD
Gina Toce	Correction Officer	MWCI
Robert Charron	Correction Officer	Osborn CI
Catherine Candelaria	Correction Officer	Central Office

25 Years of Service for September 2006

Izear Hogan	Parole Officer 2	Central Office
Edmund Gubbins	Counselor Supervisor	CRCC
James Bartlett	Vocational Instructor	MWCI

20 Years of Service for October 2006

Beverly Herbert	Social Worker	York CI
Edward Mckeon	CorrFoodSvcsSupv2	York CI
Tracey Harrelson	Records Specialist	WCCI

25 Years of Service for October 2006

Mary Lillo	Records Specialist	New Haven CC
Mark Strange	District Administrator	Central Office

30 Years of Service for October 2006

Edward Emielita	Parole Officer 2	Central Office
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During his career he worked at Morgan Street Detention Center, Camp Hartell, and finished his last 11 plus years at Northern CI.

A ceremony was held in honor of his retirement. Warden Jeffrey McGill presented him with a commemorating certificate and badge from Commissioner Lantz, and a plaque from the staff of Northern CI.

Correctional Officer Douglas Johnson (left in photo) retired after completing over 24 years of service with the Department of Correction. Officer Johnson began his career in 1982 working at Hartford CC.

Calendar



October 31 - Happy Halloween



November 25 - Bus Trip to New Jersey's Largest Shopping Outlet. The bus will

leave the Windsor Commuter lot off I-91 at 7am, New Haven CC at 8 am and Bridgeport CC at 9 am. The cost is \$40 per person. The bus will leave NJ at 7pm for CT. For tickets and more info contact Lt. Reveron at 203.579.6898 or 203.449.0898.

Condolences



W a r d e n Charles Lee and the staff of Hartford CC, Warden Bruce Cuscovitch and the staff at

Robinson CI, Warden John Siemenski and the staff of MacDougall-Walker CI, Warden Esther Torres and the staff of Willard-Cybulski CI, and Director Dan Callahan and the staff of Human Resources are saddened to announce the passing of Horacio Gonzalez. He is the father of Officer Jared Rodriguez (HCC), Officer Cheryl Rodriguez (CRCI), RN Gloria Suarez(WCCI), Warden Hector Rodriguez (retired), and Captain Nelson Rodriguez (retired). He is the grandfather of Personnel Officer Natalie Rodriguez and Officer Jared Rodriguez, Jr. (MWCI).